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TOPIC	Soviet Troop Trains		25X1
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CB - converted boxcar, B - boxcar, F - flatcar

1. The following troop trains passed through the Magdeburg-Rathensee railroad station between 7 and 17 April 1955: 25X1

On 7 April. A train of 9 CB with soldiers, 5 B with equipment, and an undetermined number of F with 10 medium AA guns and 24 trucks which went from Stendal to Rosslau. 1

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On 9 April. A train of 15 CB with soldiers and an undetermined number of F with 12 T-34 tanks and 21 trucks which came from Biederitz and proceeded toward Wolmirstedt.

On 10 April. A train of 26 CB with soldiers and an undetermined number of F with 13 T-34 tanks and 13 trucks which went from Zerbst to Haldensleben. 2

On 11 April. A train of 8 CB with soldiers, 6 B with equipment and an undetermined number of F with 6 trucks towing 6 x 160-mm mortars, 15 trucks loaded with equipment and 5 trucks loaded with wardrobes, which went from Stendal to Altengrabow. 3

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On 12 April. A train of 10 CB with soldiers, 3 B with equipment and an undetermined number of F with 12 medium AA guns, 34 trucks including some trucks loaded with equipment, and 1 tank truck which went from Stendal to Altengrabow. 4

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On 13 April. A train of 27 CB with soldiers and an undetermined number of F with 6 T-34 tanks, 4 JS-3 tanks and 18 trucks loaded with equipment which went from Jena to Wolmirstedt. 5  
and a train of 1 B with soldiers and an undetermined number of F with 4 medium AA guns which went from Magdeburg-Brueckfeld to Jueterbog. 6

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On 15 April. A train of 14 CB with soldiers, 3 B with equipment and an undetermined number of F with 12 T-34 tanks, 16 trucks loaded with equipment and 2 sedans which went from Wolmirstedt to Zeitz. 5

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On 16 April. A train of 1 B with soldiers and an undetermined number of F with 2 JS-3 tanks and 2 SP guns which went from Burg to Schoenebeck; another train of 15 CB with soldiers, 5 B with equipment and an undetermined number of F with 10 light AA guns and 38 trucks which went from Weimar to Kroepelin.<sup>7</sup> a third train of 12 CB with soldiers, 10 B with equipment and an undetermined number of F with 14 T-34 tanks and 15 trucks loaded with equipment which went from Hillersleben to Burg.<sup>8</sup> and a fourth train of 9 CB with soldiers, 3 B with equipment and an undetermined number of F with 12 light AA guns and 27 trucks which came from the direction of Stendal and went to Altengrabow. 4

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On 17 April. A train of 8 CB with soldiers and an undetermined number of F with 8 T-34 tanks and 14 trucks which went from Hillersleben to Burg. 6

2. Troop trains loaded at Frankfurt/Oder during the night of 14 April included a train of 10 B with soldiers and an undetermined number of F with 8 x 85-mm AA guns and 40 trucks; and another train of 10 B with soldiers and an undetermined number of F with 8 x 85-mm AA guns and 35 trucks. The trains left toward Bad Freienwalde at 2250 and 0300 respectively. 9

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3. [redacted] troop trains [redacted] between 18 and 21 April:

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Date in April	Number of Troop Trains	From	To
18	1	Hohenlychen	Oranienburg 10
	1	Hohenlychen	Bernau 10
	2	Hohenlychen	Frankfurt/Oder 10
	1	Hohenlychen	Schoeneweide 10
20 and 21	4	Dallgow	Forst Zinna
	including 31 CB, 26 B, 137 F		11

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1. [redacted] Comment. The troop train possibly carried contingents of the 62d AAA Div which moved to Wustrow on 2 and 24 March 1955 and returned to their home station.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The troop train probably carried an additional firing detail of the 56th Gds Tk Regt of the 7th Gds Tk Div from Zerbst. On previous days, seven troop trains were dispatched from Dessau to Forst Zinna, and six troop trains with tanks were unloaded at Dessau. The movements indicate that, similar to activities in other divisions, numerous tank firing practices were still held in early April 1955.

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3. [redacted] Comment. Since elements of the 65th Mort Brig were detrained at Rathenow on 19 April 1955, the troop train on 11 April probably carried these troops from Rathenow to Altengrabow via Stendal.

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4. [redacted] Comment. According to observations on 16 April 1955, the troop trains carried elements of the unidentified AAA regiment of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps from Burg which are employed in AAA emplacements near the corps headquarters.

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5. Comment. The troop trains carried tank firing details of the 20th Gds Mecz Div. On the evening of 12 April 1955, the loading of the troop train [redacted] was observed at Jena. The troop train [redacted] was also confirmed by a previous report. 25X1
6. Comment. The troop train was probably loaded with materiel. 25X1
7. Comment. The troop train was previously confirmed. 25X1
8. Comment. The troop trains probably carried firing details of the 136th Gds Hv Tk SP Regt. 25X1
9. Comment. The two troop trains which went to Wustrow have been repeatedly confirmed. 25X1
10. Comment. The troop trains belong to the continuous flow of tank detail shipments of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army from and to the Templin troop training grounds. Some individual troop trains were previously confirmed. 25X1
11. Comment. The troop trains carried artillery units and mortar units from Doeberitz. Other reports indicated that the troops probably belonged to the 1st Mecz Div. 25X1

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